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Responsive to the action mailed July 3, 2003, Applicants elects the invention of Group I (Claims 1-16, 22-24, 28, 32, 33, and 37) drawn to a chimeric nucleic acid encoding SEQ ID NO:1, an expression cassette, a host cell, an expression vector, a transformant, and a method for producing an immobilized polypeptide, and a method for producing an immobilized enzyme, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1. The election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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